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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Shogo MURAMATSU et al.

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For: ALUMINUM-ALLOY BASED SLIDING MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

November 17, 1999

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 29, delete "20" and substitute therefor --12--;

line 32, delete "20" and substitute therefor --12--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claims 1 through 3" and substitute therefor

--claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claims 1 through 4" and substitute therefor --claim 1 or 2--.